

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

St Mary's, Broadford- St Patrick's, Johnstownbridge- St Brigid's, Clogherinkoe

First Sunday of Advent- 29/30 November 2025

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## Masses this Week:

*Please note that times can be changed at short notice because of funerals!*

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| <b>Saturday 29 November</b> | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>                                            | <b>6.00pm Mass</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 30 November</b>   | <b>Johnstownbridge</b><br><b>Broadford</b>                     | <b>9:30am Mass</b><br><b>11:00am Mass</b>                                            |
| <b>Tuesday 2 December</b>   | <b>Broadford</b>                                               | <b>10:00am Mass</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday 3 December</b> | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>                                            | <b>10:00am Mass</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday 4 December</b>  | <b>Johnstownbridge</b><br><b>Broadford</b><br><b>Broadford</b> | <b>10:00am Mass</b><br><b>Confession 6:00-6:45pm</b><br><b>Holy Hour 7:00-8:00pm</b> |
| <b>Friday 5 December</b>    | <b>Broadford</b>                                               | <b>7:30pm Mass</b><br><b>(confession 6:30-7:15pm)</b>                                |
| <b>Saturday 6 December</b>  | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>                                            | <b>6:00pm Mass</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 7 December</b>    | <b>Johnstownbridge</b><br><b>Broadford</b>                     | <b>9:30am Mass</b><br><b>11:00am Mass</b>                                            |

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Station Collection

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Feast of the immaculate Conception, Holy Day.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Balyna Parish Draw.

## First Friday

This Friday (5<sup>th</sup> December) is the First Friday; invalids will be attended during the week. On Friday evening there will be Confession from 6:30pm to 7:15pm in Broadford Church, followed by mass at 7:30pm.

## Balyna Parish Draw

The draw will take place on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs. Tickets can be purchased before & after weekend Masses, in the Parish Office, O'Neill's Centra Johnstownbridge, Clocha Rince Library and from various tickets sellers. Tickets are €10 each or a book of 11 tickets for €100. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. As a thank you to all our parishioners who financially support our parish, we will have a draw every week for a chance to win a ticket for our annual parish draw. Congratulations to this week's winner, Frances Gannon.

## Christmas Stations

The Christmas Stations Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. We extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support.

## Bambinelli Sunday

As we continue our Advent journey, we warmly invite you all to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home crib to Mass on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December (Third Sunday of Advent-Gaudete Sunday). During Mass there will a blessing of the Bambinelli asking God's grace upon our homes and our preparation for the birth of Christ.

## Christmas Mass Bouquet

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now on sale in the Parish Office and the BREDA Centre at a cost of €5 each. These make a beautiful and thoughtful gift to give family and friends this Christmas.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We are delighted to announce that Balyna Parish will organize a pilgrimage to Lourdes in May 2026 (20<sup>th</sup> May 2025- 3 Nights). Details and booking are direct with Marian Pilgrimages. Any questions or any further details can be addressed to Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159 or contact the parish office on (046) 9551203. The total cost is €705 per person sharing. Further information can be found on the following link [www.balynaparish.ie/2025/11/20/lourdes-pilgrimage-2026/](http://www.balynaparish.ie/2025/11/20/lourdes-pilgrimage-2026/)

## Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The survey may be accessed at [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey)

## Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Broadford Bake Sale

Join us after Mass on Sunday, 30th November in Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Broadford for our Bake Sale! Enjoy tasty homemade treats baked by the children and pick up raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw which takes place on Friday, 12th December — with great prizes including hotel stays, hampers, toy vouchers, and more! All are welcome to come along, enjoy the goodies, and support our school. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Cadamstown National School

Cadamstown National School seeks to employ a part time cleaner for 8 hours per week. Commencing 5th January 2026. Interested applicants should forward their CV by email to [cadamstown@gmail.com](mailto:cadamstown@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is Friday 5th December.

We remember Mary Aloysius Bonner (née Sweeney), mother of Shane Bonner who was interred in Belcruit Cemetery on Friday.

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| Anniversaries for this week-end | Sheila Donegan (Fourth Anniversary).<br>Paddy, James and Joan Mulligan & the deceased members of the Mulligan family.<br>The deceased members of the Baker family.<br>The deceased members of the Manion family, Manchester.<br>Claire Melia.<br>Maurice Mooney, Ballindoolin.<br>Denise Farrell (Month's Mind).<br>Gerry Larkin (Eighteenth Anniversary) & the deceased members of the Larkin, Kennedy & Farrell families. |
| Anniversaries for next week-end | Gerard (Ger) Murray (Month's Mind).<br>Michael & Margaret Coyne, Thomastown & their daughter Kathleen Lusk.<br>Michael McGrath (Anniversary Mass).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

